

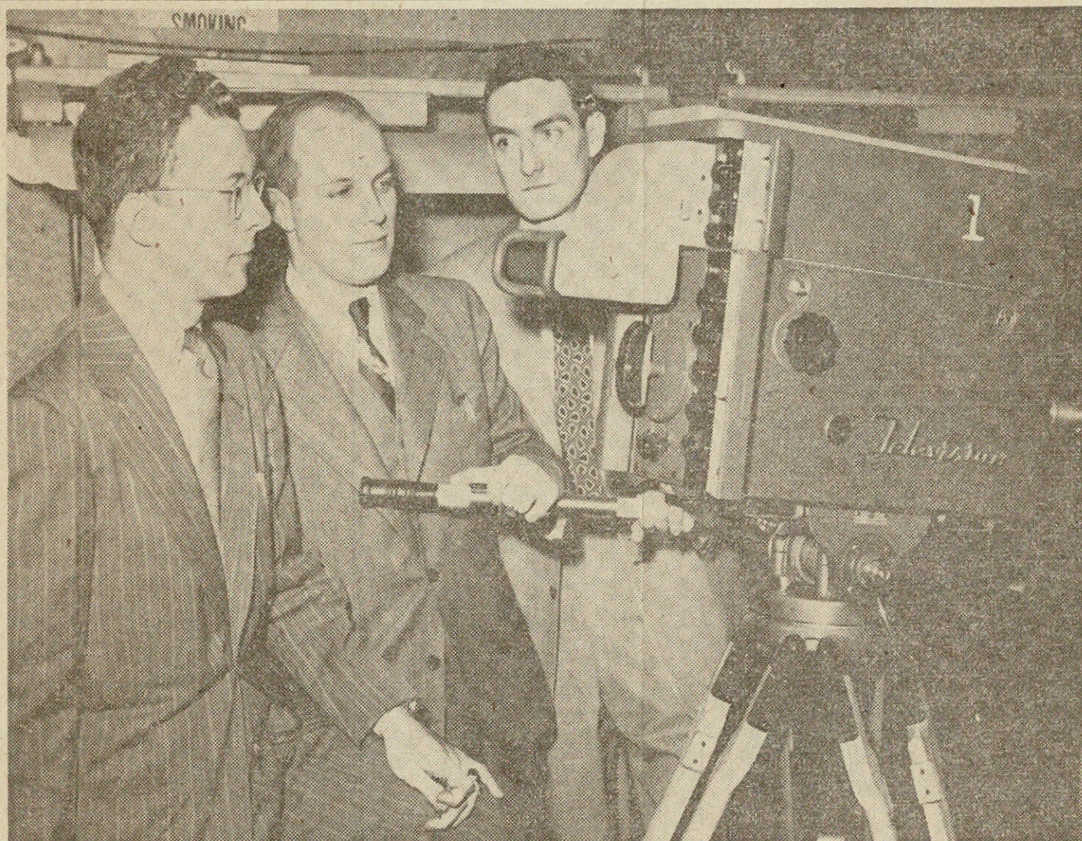
EDITOR APPEALS FOR AMATEURS

Michiana Club Asked To Stimulate Activity.

The number of "hams," or amateur radio operators, is declining in the United States, Larry LeKashman, W2IOP, editor of CQ magazine, New York city, told the Michiana Amateur Radio Club, Inc., Friday night in the Indiana club. More than 100 members, their wives and guests from Michigan, Illinois, Ohio and surrounding Indiana towns attended.

Mr. LeKashman urged that the club sponsor more interest in ham activity among high school students to increase the ranks. There are at present 79,000 amateur radio station operators in the United States, he said, and their average age is 35. He also discussed television interference problems in a major television area such as metropolitan New York city. Mr. LeKashman recently talked to more than 1,000 hams to win recognition in a nationally sponsored contest of the American Relay league. Other speakers were Jack Doyle, W9GPI, Milwaukee, Wis., director of central division of American Relay league, Hartford, Conn., and a local member, John Kuespert, W9WCE, who told how he gained recognition talking to more than 100 foreign countries by amateur radio. Claude Keller, W9BCJ, club president, welcomed the members and guests. William Davidson, W9SIQ, was master of ceremonies.

HAMS INSPECT TELEVISION CAMERA.



A television camera which WSBT, The South Bend Tribune's broadcasting station, expects to use in the future for televising events was inspected Friday night in conjunction with a meeting of the Michiana Amateur Radio Club, Inc. Shown left to right are Jack Willson, New York sales representative of Electro Voice, Inc., Buchanan, Mich.; Larry LeKashman, editor of CQ magazine, New York city, and Arthur O'Neil, of WSBT engineering staff.

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